

Air Quality Standards Subcommittee

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Major Issues to Pursue:

- 1) PM sampling issues
- 2) Physical and chemical properties of PM fine and PM coarse – Whitepaper
- 3) NO_x – Critical levels vs critical loads (cross-over with the reactive Nitrogen subcommittee) – Whitepaper
- 4) Ozone – follow-up on the whitepaper recommendations – letter forwarded on July 2008.
- 5) Conservation management practices and how they relate to PM

Recommendation:

The Task Force recommends to the Secretary of Agriculture that ERS conduct economic feasibility studies to analyze the impacts from air quality regulations on production agriculture and develop guidelines that can be used by other federal, state, and local agencies in assessing social and economic impacts. ERS staff shall closely collaborate with NRCS task force staff. We make this recommendation because air quality regulations could have significant impacts on the economic viability of agriculture.